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1. DEPT CONCURS IN GENERAL APPROACH OUTLINED FOR CULTURAL DELEGATIONS REFTEL A. HOWEVER, AS DISCUSSED WITH P&C COUNSELOR BENSON DURING CONSULTATIONS, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL SMALL DELEGATIONS FROM EACH REPUBLIC COMING ONE AT A TIME. THIS WOULD MAKE FOR EASIER PROOGRAMMING IN U.S., AND SOVIETS WOULD MAKE GREATER IMPRESSION HERE BY FOCUSING ON INDIVIDUAL REPUBLICS. DEPT WILLING, HOWEVER, ACCEPT DELEGATIONS OF REPUBLIC CULTURE MINISTERS. WHICHEVER APPROACH USED, DEPT WOULD BE UNABLE ACCEPT DELEGATION FROM BALTIC REPUBLIC OR MINISTERIAL LEVEL PARTICIPANT FROM BALTIC REPUBLIC. THIS CONNECTION, SINCE A PRIMARY PURPOSE OF NEW IV PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SELECTION, WE WOULD ASSUME THAT EMBASSY WILL HAVE SAY IN REPUBLICS TO BE REPRESENTED.

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2. DEPT ALSO CONCURS WITH PROCEDURE PROPOSED FOR INVITING

SMALL DELEGATION OF PARTY FIRST SECRETARIES, AND CONSIDERS
THIS TYPE OF DELEGATION OF HIGHEST PRIORITY. KISSINGER

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